

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

May 14, 2002

6:00 PM

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta, Osborne, Garrity, Forest

Messrs: T. Lolicata, M. Kapos, Lt. Kinney, R. Comstock

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Based on action of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen May 7, a motion is in

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On motion of Alderman Forest duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to approve the suspension of all metered and timed parking regulations in the Central Business Service District areas on June 11, 12 and 13, 2002 from 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM to accommodate local graduation ceremonies.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Discussion with the owner of Michael's School of Hair Design relative to parking.

Mr. Kapos passed out a letter explaining his parking situation. He stated I am owner of Michael's School of Hair Design and a few years ago when they decided to build the civic center next to my place I got a lawyer and I went to court against it because it would hurt my business and it did. I lost a lot of people. I have parking spaces that I pay for right now for my students and my staff at WMUR. A few weeks ago they told me that it costs them \$200 a day when the civic center has an event so they are going to put an electronic gate up and only let their people go in. I have until May 31 and then I will have no place for my students and staff to park. My biggest concern is for the students. Right now I give the students free parking. It costs me money. I have a couple of suggestions for you people. During the day on Chestnut Street in the arena there is an empty space for about 100 cars. I am willing to pay. It is close to my school. Also, there is a parking lot for Singer Park and the Rubenstein lot. The only problem with those are they are

a little bit too far from the school. Maybe we can work on having a bus transport the students back and forth. I need some help from you people.

Mr. Lolicata stated I just read your letter. First of all, Rubenstein is permit parking established by ordinance. If you want to park there it has to be leased. The same with the park on South Commercial Street. What I might suggest that is close to you is leased parking on Willow Street. There is plenty of parking. There are over 100 meters. It will cost roughly \$31/month. You can't get any cheaper than that.

Mr. Kapos responded it is expensive. I pay for 30-40 parking spaces per month.

Mr. Lolicata stated I don't know what to tell you. You are not the only one with students. At 50 Bridge Street they have plenty of them. You are not required to pay for parking for your students but if you want to, that is your business.

Chairman Sysyn stated I think what he is looking for is a discounted price but we can't do it because then we would have to do it for the whole City. The other thing, too, is I talked to Chris Morgan today and he sold that parking lot on Pine and Auburn and they would be willing to give you a special deal.

Mr. Kapos replied he called me today and asked for \$65/month for a space.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the ordinance requires that the City receive \$31/month for a parking space but it also says that the Traffic Department is designated to issue those so in reality I think...there are some businesses that lease the parking spaces and give them to their employees and their employees reimburse them for part of the cost. Then you are splitting the cost and that may be a better alternative. I don't know. It is better than nothing at all.

Mr. Kapos stated we have another school in Manchester in the Vista plaza on Valley Street that is competing with me. They have been there for the last 15 or 20 years. They give free parking. Now when you tell the student...and plus I have 20 people on my staff and some of my staff park in different areas because I have days and nights. Most of the time I have parking problems during the day from Tuesday through Friday. It is not Mondays or Saturdays or Sundays. It is usually from 9 AM to 4 PM or 9 AM to 5 PM at the latest. That is what I am looking for.

Chairman Sysyn replied we don't have jurisdiction over the Verizon Arena. You would have to go to them directly.

Mr. Lolicata stated that is private property.

Mr. Kapos replied I thought it was the City's.

Chairman Sysyn stated SMG runs the arena.

Mr. Lolicata stated you would run into problems when the civic center has something going on during the day anyway.

Alderman Forest stated, Michael, you have to understand that a lot of businesses have the same problem all over the City. Not every employer provides free parking for his employees. If you could make a deal where they pay you half of 1/3 you would at least get some money back. You are not required to pay for all of your students. I know that you want to be a nice guy by doing that.

Mr. Kapos replied well I have competition too. The other school on Bridge Street has no competition. It is the only school in New Hampshire actually. I used to get parking all the time. Behind me was the alley and the City didn't take care of it with plowing or anything. Some of my people parked there during the day but the City came in and said we want that so they threw me out of there, too. I don't know what to do. I am willing to pay the City but I was thinking I could get a discount for 30-40 spaces. That is what I am asking for. I don't want it for free.

Chairman Sysyn stated I tried to explain to you that if we did it for you we would have tons of people asking for the same thing.

Alderman Osborne asked did you check across the street where Bradlees used to be.

Chairman Sysyn answered they won't even talk to him. They don't want anybody using that parking lot.

Mr. Kapos stated I went a few places and they don't have enough parking spaces themselves.

Alderman Guinta asked what is the ordinance pertaining to the \$31/month to lease a space.

Mr. Lolicata answered it is all on street parking. You have your garages, your parking lots and your on street parking. They are all set by ordinance. We can't do it for one person and not another.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I am not saying that you couldn't. You can change the law but it would affect everyone. You created this law because you have businesses who have parking difficulties.

Alderman Guinta asked have you talked to your students about this.

Mr. Kapos answered no.

Alderman Guinta asked this is effective June 1.

Mr. Kapos answered yes but it is week to week up until May 31.

Chairman Sysyn stated I think they are also looking to get more money from people they rent to.

Mr. Kapos replied no they don't rent spaces. They don't like it. They don't want to deal with that. They are putting the gate up so that only their people can park there. They want to rent a space, 8,000 square feet, and they are trying to get two radio stations in. If they get the two radio stations they will need the parking spaces. When the other spaces are \$31/month why couldn't you make it that if you lease from 1-10 spaces it is \$31/month and if you lease 20-40 it would be so much a month and then 40-60 would be so much?

Chairman Sysyn responded you would have to change the whole ordinance.

Mr. Lolicata stated there are a lot of variables.

Alderman Forest stated you have to understand that we would have to do it for the whole City.

Mr. Kapos replied I was talking about the whole City. If somebody is renting 40 or 50 spaces they should get a break. That is what I am saying.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest it was voted to receive and file.

Mr. Lolicata stated on South Commercial Street during the day there is free parking down there.

Mr. Kapos asked which lot are you talking about.

Mr. Lolicata answered the one right before Singer Park. It is called the South Commercial Parking Lot. There is nobody down there during the daytime.

Alderman Guinta asked how far is that from WMUR.

Mr. Lolicata answered it is right across from WMUR.

Chairman Sysyn asked Tom Lolicata to get together with Mr. Kapos to look into possible solutions.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Deputy Clerk Johnson advising there will be a need for a special meeting of the Committee to review a re-codified and updated Traffic Ordinance.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I just wanted to advise you that we are going to be submitting it and it is going to take a while to go through it. We have taken the 1947 ordinance and put all of the updates into it. This communication you can receive and file.

Alderman Guinta asked can you just tell me a little bit about what exactly falls under the traffic ordinance.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered the traffic ordinance is the ordinance that gives the authority for this Committee to do their business and sets forth the authority for the Police Department to issue tickets, etc.

Alderman Guinta asked are automobiles...anything that has to do with automobiles included.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered yes vehicles on the roadway are included – the operation, stopping, and standing and parking. We are going to go through it in detail. It basically will bring you up-to-date on everything.

Alderman Guinta asked will sidewalks be included.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered there is a definition in there for sidewalks. In terms of parking on sidewalks, that is not allowed.

Alderman Guinta stated my concern would be is this update going to affect Segway.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied it will allow them to operate on the sidewalks. That is an update.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to receive and file the communication.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Carol-Ann Bernier requesting on behalf of the Downtown Farmer's Market, the closure of streets, a no parking ban and reinstallation of banners on lighting fixtures in and around the Hartnett Lot from June 20th through October 24th.

Mr. Lolicata stated I have a piece of information for everybody. We are not doing banners anymore. We are all done.

Alderman Forest asked so it would be up to them to put up the banners.

Mr. Lolicata answered yes.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approve the request.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from the Hanover Street Merchants and Palace Theatre Trust requesting the closure of Hanover Street from Elm to Chestnut Streets beginning at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 7th until Sunday, June 9th at 1:00 PM for the 2nd Annual Jazz and Blues Festival.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approve the request.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Communication from Andrew Barrie requesting the use of the Arms Parking Lot on Friday, June 21, 2002 to host an ice-cream festival.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to approve this request subject to meeting the requirements of the City Clerk, Fire, Highway, Police, Traffic and Risk Departments.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from Lou Ferla requesting the use of Arms Park on

Saturday, July 13, 2002 beginning at 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM for a music concert.

Chairman Sysyn noted this request is being replaced with a request from Morgan Entertainment instead of Lou Ferla. Have you checked with all of the departments, Chris?

Mr. Morgan replied no not yet.

Lt. Kinney stated I think there is a conflict with that date. There is an event that was tentatively scheduled at Singer Park.

Chairman Sysyn stated am I also to understand that you are looking to move your concert to Singer Park rather than Arms Park.

Alderman Guinta asked can I get clarification as to if there is a problem with the date.

Deputy Clerk Normand stated no there is not.

Alderman Guinta stated I personally would like to see the concert in Manchester and what I thought of doing was making a motion to have the concert at Arms Park assuming that Morgan Entertainment can obtain a license and meet all of the conditions and if there was a denial from Arms Park then we would move it to Singer Park. I would like to give them both options but I don't want to leave them hanging either. I think that there are some...to have it at Singer Park would be beneficial for several reasons and if we could try to move it to Singer, move it to Singer but if that doesn't work out I don't want to leave them out in the cold and not have anywhere to have the concert.

Chairman Sysyn asked so the first choice would be Singer Park and if it falls through they could have it at Arms Park.

Alderman Guinta replied yes.

Chairman Sysyn asked how would we do that motion, Matt.

Deputy Clerk Normand answered as he said Singer Park would be the first venue option for Morgan Entertainment with the provision that if they can't come to an agreement for that date that he be approved for Arms Park subject to department approval, letters from abutters, etc.

Alderman Guinta moved to approve the request from Morgan Entertainment to have a concert at Arms Park with the condition that Singer Park be the preferred venue and if no agreement can be made with Singer Park then the concert will be held at Arms Park. This approval is granted with the stipulation that Morgan Entertainment meet all conditions set forth by City departments and that they get approval from the abutters. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 10 of the agenda:

Communication from Ronald Lesieur requesting no parking on one side of the dead end section of Biron Street due to current parking problems in the area.

Mr. Lolicata stated I have been down there and looked at the situation and here are my recommendations. I am recommending no parking on the west side from a point 125 feet south of Pinard Street to the dead end. That is probably about 30 or 40 feet or whatever it is. That will give them room to get by. We don't want to take all of the parking away from these people. I think this will appease everybody.

On motion of Alderman Osborne duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Director.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 11 of the agenda:

Communication from William McDonald submitting a petition regarding excessive speeding on Merrimack Street between Belmont and Milton Streets and requesting stop signs be installed.

Mr. Lolicata stated I have spoken to Mr. McDonald and he got back to me. I told him the situation and that there can be no four-way stops there because it is a hill and steep. He was very gracious and nice about it and said he understood. He got his answer and he understood it.

Chairman Sysyn replied I talked to him to and he asked if we can just get one stop sign on Milton and Merrimack.

Mr. Lolicata responded it is right on the crest of the hill. They would never stop, and it would be especially dangerous in the winter. Also, there is no warrant for a four-way stop.

Chairman Sysyn stated well there are a lot of kids there and that is why they wrote those letters.

Mr. Lolicata replied there are a lot of children throughout the whole City. We have to have warrants for these things.

Alderman Forest moved to receive and file.

Chairman Sysyn stated it is not in a school zone and that is why we cannot put a four-way stop sign. I did get a couple of them on Lowell Street but I was in a school zone so I was okay. Those were on a hill also. The problem is these people start at the bottom of the hill, especially with motorcycles and they go through two streets and they race and you have kids in those neighborhoods.

Mr. Lolicata stated I am trying to explain something. We go through this every year. Someone asks for one to go up and here we go. You have to realize that you don't use stop signs to slow people down. I know that sounds odd to you but that is in the book and that is how it goes.

Alderman Guinta asked what do we use stop signs for.

Mr. Lolicata answered to stop people. At four-ways you have to have equal volume in equal places and that is the last step before you put in lights. There are reasons for all of these things. If you put four-way stop signs throughout the whole City, you won't get anywhere.

Chairman Sysyn stated the only thing is people don't necessarily stop and I know they don't but they slow down when they see that stop sign. I know that you are saying no but I see it.

Alderman Forest stated four-way stop signs are more dangerous. What is the mentality of a driver approaching a four-way stop sign? They are thinking you are going to stop and they don't have to. Well if everybody is thinking the same thing, that is when accidents happen. I have investigated a lot of accidents at four-way stop signs. I am against them. I think they are very dangerous.

Alderman Guinta asked are there any other kind of signs we can put in that area.

Mr. Lolicata answered I can give them "Slow" signs or anything that can help.

Alderman Guinta asked do the "Slow" signs work.

Mr. Lolicata answered I think those signs are much more visible. That is my opinion.

Alderman Guinta asked can we try something like that.

Mr. Lolicata answered yes.

Alderman Guinta asked do we need a motion.

Mr. Lolicata answered no.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Alderman Garrity asked are the 25 MPH signs allowable on a steep hill.

Mr. Lolicata answered not really. If you had a good curve, yes.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 12 of the agenda:

Communication from John Rousseau, President of the Breezeway Pub, Inc. requesting the closure of Pearl Street between Elm and the Pearl Street Parking Lot on Saturday, June 29, 2002 from 12:00 until 8:00 PM in conjunction with hosting a block party fundraiser to benefit the NH Aids Awareness.

Alderman Forest stated I have a note to check with Alderman Guinta on this. I assume there will be police officers there.

Alderman Guinta replied I talked with John and they will comply with the conditions. I don't think there is going to be alcohol. It says they will hire a police officer.

Deputy Clerk Normand stated the Police Department issues a block party permit also so they will be subject to whatever police stipulates.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 13 of the agenda:

Discussion regarding the alleyway behind Liberty Street.

Alderman Guinta stated I received a phone call from a resident on Liberty Street complaining of excessive speeds in the alley behind Liberty. It has to do with, I think, there is some sort of superette over there. The resident is complaining that there is excessive speed and I thought we were going to put something over there.

Mr. Lolicata asked are you talking about the alleyway toward Bunny's Superette or the other side.

Alderman Guinta answered I think it is towards because I think it is a one-way.

Mr. Lolicata stated I talked to Tom Burke about that.

Alderman Guinta replied it is not Tom Burke who called.

Mr. Lolicata stated I said the only other thing to look at up there would be to make it a one way.

Alderman Guinta replied I think it is a one way right now.

Mr. Lolicata responded no it is two lanes.

Alderman Guinta stated I think we discussed this last month. Maybe you and I were going to do something and then follow-up with a discussion.

Alderman Forest responded I thought that is what we had decided.

Alderman Guinta asked what is the quickest and easiest way to slow people down.

Mr. Lolicata stated I think that all of these back alleys should be under one ordinance like with a speed 20 MPH or something like that. These alleys are less than 20 feet.

Alderman Forest asked didn't we discuss making it a one-way from Webster Street to wherever.

Mr. Lolicata answered there is a law right now where you can utilize 20 MPH. It is a regulation that can be applied because the road is less than 20 feet. I am looking to have one ordinance for all of them. These back alleys are all 20' or less.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated we could bring that back as part of the revised traffic ordinance.

Alderman Guinta stated but then we would be putting signs in all of the alleys. That is a lot of signs.

Mr. Lolicata stated that is one alternative. We could probably put a "Slow" sign up in that alleyway for now.

Chairman Sysyn advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

STOP SIGNS (4-Way School Zone):

On Norfolk St. at Cameron St. NEC, SWC
Alderman Garrity

STOP SIGN (EMERGENCY ACT):

Chad Rd. at Bicentennial Dr., SWC
Alderman Wihby

On the Pearl St.(parking driveway) at Orange St., SEC
Alderman Guinta

NO PARKING:

On River Rd. south side, from Bicentennial Dr. to Chase Way
On River Rd. south side, from Chase Way to a point 35 feet westerly
Alderman Wihby

On Manhattan Lane, east and west side, from Cedar St. to Auburn St.
(Emergency)

On Lowell St. north side, from a point 255 feet east of Chestnut St to Pine St.
Alderman Guinta

On Amherst St. north side, from Lincoln St. to a point 75 feet easterly
Alderman Sysyn

On Lake Ave. north and south side, from Wilson St. to a point 35 feet westerly
On Lake Ave. south side, from Lincoln St. to a point 100 feet easterly
On Lake Ave, south side, from Maple St. to a point 100 feet east
On Spruce St. north and south side, from Tarrytown Rd. to a point 40 feet west
On Valley St. north side, from Taylor St. to a point 125 feet west
Alderman Osborne

On Page St. east side, from Hanover St. to a point 90 feet southerly
On Page St. east side, from a point 125 feet south of Hanover St. to a point

55 feet southerly
Alderman Pinard

On Ross Ave. east side, from Frontage Rd. to Gold St.
Alderman Garrity

RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR – (7 DAYS):

On Beech St. west side, from Cedar St. to Cedar northback St.
Alderman Osborne

PARKING 1 HOUR (7 DAYS):

On Beech St. west side, from a point 20 feet north of Cedar St. to a point
18 feet north
Alderman Osborne

ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE (1-HOUR LIMIT -7 DAYS):

On Beech St. west side, from a point 38 feet north of Cedar St. to a point
22 feet north
Alderman Osborne

RESCIND NO PARKING:

On Page St. west side, from Laydon St. northerly to the railroad tracks
Alderman Pinard

RESCIND 2 HOUR PARKING:

On Page St. west side, from Laydon St. to Candia Rd.
Alderman Pinard

NO PARKING BUS STOP (8:00 AM-3:00 PM/MON-FRI):

On Auburn St. south side, from Lincoln St. to a point 260 feet easterly
Alderman Osborne

RESCIND NO PARKING BUS STOP:

On Auburn St. south side, from Lincoln St. to a point 260 feet easterly
Alderman Osborne

RESCIND NO PARKING (UNLIMITED):

On Lake Ave. south side, from Wilson St. to Lincoln St.
Alderman Osborne

NO PARKING (LOADING ZONE):

On Lowell St., north side, from a point 180 feet east of Chestnut St. to a point
40 feet east

Alderman Guinta

On Page St. east side, from a point 90 feet south of Hanover St. to a point
35 feet southerly

Alderman Pinard

RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS UNLIMITED:

On Laydon St. south side, from Page St. to Lovering St.

Alderman Pinard

PARKING ¼ HOUR (9AM-2PM/MON-FRI) DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

On Cedar St. south side, from Wilson St. to a point 180 feet east

Alderman Osborne

RESCIND NO PARKING (8AM-3PM/MON-FRI) DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

On Cedar St. south side, from Wilson St. to a point 180 feet east

Alderman Osborne

RESCIND NO PARKING (UNLIMITED):

On Lake Ave. south side, from Maple St. to Lincoln St.

Alderman Osborne

NO PARKING HANDICAP ONLY:

On Lowell St. north side, from a point 150 feet east of Chestnut St. to a point
30 feet east

On Lowell St. north side, from a point 220 feet east of Chestnut to a point
35 feet east

Alderman Guinta

NEW CROSSWALK:

On Bridge St. east of Ash St. on Ash St. north of Bridge St.

Alderman Sysyn

RESCIND CROSSWALK:

On Hanover St. east of Alfred St.

Alderman Sysyn

PARKING - 1/4 HOUR TOURIST CENTER ONLY:

On Elm St. east side, from a point 265 feet north of Central St. to a point
40 feet north

Alderman Guinta

NO PARKING (BUS STOP):

On Elm St. east side, from a point 305 feet north of Central St. to Merrimack St.
Alderman Guinta

RESCIND NO PARKING BUS STOP:

On Elm St. east side, from a point 30 feet south of Merrimack St. to a point 175 feet south
Alderman Guinta

STRIPE PARKING STALLS:

On Hanover St. from I-93/101 to East Side Plaza driveway
Alderman Osborne

On motion of Alderman Garrity duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approve the Traffic Department agenda.

TABLED ITEMS

15. Communication from Robin Comstock, President & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, requesting staff parking (two spaces) and two all-day (visitor) 15-minute spaces in support of the multi-purpose facility housing the Visitor and Welcome Center located at Veterans Park.

On motion of Alderman Guinta duly seconded by Alderman Osborne it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Mr. Lolicata stated at the last meeting you had me go out and look to see if we could get parking spots for the volunteers. We have settled the bus situation and the tourist situation on Elm Street. Now for the volunteers we came up with an idea for free parking and that is the Middle Street Parking Lot. I called the Chamber and spoke to Mr. King. Chris told me that these people have to be next to the visitor center. After that he got a hold of Robin and Robin and I exchanged a few things and I told her that we are trying to bring in free parking for these people in the parking lot and Robin reiterated that they would like to see if they can bring them as close as possible to the tourist place. In order to do that, all I have is Merrimack Street. I can take two meters out. You have a choice. You can take the meters out and we have to work out something with signage for volunteers only or they stay there and you put the volunteers in the Middle Street parking lot. That is where I am right now.

Alderman Guinta asked what is the second option.

Mr. Lolicata answered the first option is the Middle Street parking lot for free. The second option is the removal of two meters on Merrimack Street.

Chairman Sysyn asked why do they have to be right in front. They don't want to walk from McQuades parking lot? It is only a block.

Ms. Comstock stated just to give you a little background about the volunteers for the Visitor Center, it will be staffed by Granite State Ambassadors. You have probably seen them at the Airport. They are all around the state of NH. The individuals who volunteer for this program tend to be seniors and some of them have disabilities. Many of them are elderly and concerned about being far away from their location. These people are very special volunteers. To volunteer their time to the Visitor Center, they commit to six weeks of training. It is an extensive course that they get college credits for. They drive their own automobiles. They are special people. For us at the Manchester location they are so important because our hours are longer than most of the other locations. They sign-up for the location of their choice whether it is the Airport or Portsmouth or Concord or Laconia. Our particular Visitor Center we are hoping to keep open until 8 PM until the Verizon Wireless Arena is open so they can direct people into the arena. I have heard from several Aldermen that their support of this is around supporting the arena and the clientele of the arena. Tom and I have talked a couple of times in the last couple of weeks and I want to ask you if you would consider any possibility to get them closer than a block. Because we are keeping it open until 8 PM they are going to be walking alone often in the dark to the center and thank you so much for the great location but my concern is that unless this facility is desirable by the Granite State Ambassadors and a huge piece of it is the proximity of parking, they just will not sign up for the location. I talked to their Executive Director today and she said that is it important that we get them as close as possible and her point of example was at the Airport when they were doing the construction they moved the Granite State Ambassador parking into the garage and she lost half of her volunteers there. Again, I think if you could just consider that they are elderly people and volunteers and they are concerned about safety. We were hoping, although no promises have been made, that we could get some of the spaces on Merrimack Street so they can get in and out of that facility. I will just tell you in the interest of being completely forthright that the Police Department has been very helpful and will provide increased coverage. I understand they have another horse coming. There is, however, that underlying concern due to their age and their physical ability.

Alderman Forest asked, Tom, we talked about parking behind the Visitor Center. What happened with that?

Mr. Lolicata answered they would have to go through the gate. They can't park there. There is one individual who parks there all the time from Parks.

Ms. Comstock stated I had thought of that location too and Tom and I had talked about it. Even that was not received real favorably because they were worried about having to go through the park at night. We will be appreciative for whatever you can do.

Alderman Forest asked will it be the first two meters that are on single poles.

Mr. Lolicata answered yes. It will be two parking spaces. I might have to utilize some signage because I don't know if it is seven days a week or six days a week.

Ms. Comstock replied at this point we are hoping for seven days but a lot of that remains to be resolved. We hope to be open seven days from 10 AM until 8 PM. We are not paying for these people and they are already signed up for seven days so they are interested. There is no additional expense.

Alderman Forest asked so you are only talking about two parking spaces.

Mr. Lolicata answered yes.

Chairman Sysyn asked don't you need two spots for the volunteers and two for visitors.

Mr. Lolicata answered the two spaces for the visitors were taken care of within the bus stop itself. We are all set.

Alderman Guinta asked are we removing two meters or are we bagging them.

Mr. Lolicata answered right now I will bag them seven days a week and let them stay bagged. That way they can get in and out all of the time. Whether they work five or six days it doesn't matter.

Alderman Guinta stated parking is free on Saturday and Sunday anyway.

Ms. Comstock replied yes but it is just that we want to have a space available for them. I would hate to see you make a financial commitment until we know what the schedule is going to be.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to have the Traffic Department bag two meters on Merrimack Street for parking for the Visitor Center volunteers.

16. Discussion regarding free parking at the Canal and Victory Street Garages on Saturday and Sunday.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Alderman Forest asked so if we make a motion to do this it will just go with the regular ordinance that we did a little while ago.

Mr. Lolicata answered no. We are waiting for a report from Mr. Buckley. We expect that the garages are not making any money at all.

Alderman Guinta asked did we get anything from the Mayor's Office. I haven't received anything formally from anybody. Kevin Buckley has discussed it but did we get anything formally?

Mr. Lolicata answered that is what we are waiting for, the audit he is doing.

Alderman Guinta asked but it hasn't been completed yet.

Mr. Lolicata answered I don't know. It has been two weeks.

Chairman Sysyn asked do you know how much trouble I run into with people paying at the garages on Saturday.

Alderman Guinta stated let me just talk this out a little bit. When we rescinded Saturday parking one of the concerns was the shortfall in revenue. I talked to Bill Jabjiniak about trying to come up with some sort of marketing plan when there are events at the Verizon to utilize the City garages because they are not being utilized, other than the Center of NH. Before we make any changes, I guess I would prefer to hear from all of these entities. I think we are also charged with the responsibility to try and generate some revenue and I don't want to make any changes right now and then three months down the road Bill Jabjiniak is going to come up with a program that can create some dollars coming into the City using the parking garages. The people who are parking in there now that are paying, do they get a parking sticker?

Chairman Sysyn replied I can tell you because I work on Saturdays. I paid \$5 to park there one day because I didn't want to be hassled and I didn't want to play the game. I have validation stickers and Modern Bride has validation stickers. The people weren't trained right I guess because the girl at the gate said she had to charge them whether they were going shopping or not. I got a hold of Dave

Waldecker because I have his cell phone number and he called and told them that if the people are going shopping they can use the validation stickers. The problem is that you are irritating some of the shoppers.

Alderman Guinta asked since we rescinded Saturday parking on Elm Street people are still parking in the garages.

Chairman Sysyn answered not everybody knows that they don't have to pay the meters on Saturday.

Alderman Guinta stated I am saying if you can park for free on the street why would you pass that free parking spot and go to the garage.

Chairman Sysyn replied because they think if it is free on the street then it is free in the garage because it has always been free in the garages on Saturdays until we did the ordinance for the civic center concert. It was always free on Saturdays. I never paid on Saturdays.

Alderman Guinta stated the only concern I have Mary is if we do something then...

Chairman Sysyn interjected well I don't think Canal Street is making any money but you can't do it for one garage and the not the others. You have to do all or none.

Alderman Forest stated I think that is what originally brought us here in the first place. I think we are waiting for this information since February. We discussed it before and I think that is how it got on the table and we are right back to where we were.

Alderman Guinta asked can we ask for this information.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to put this item back on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lolicata stated I have some traffic agenda items that need to be added. They have to do with no parking on Hall and Spruce Street for the tractor-trailers.

Alderman Osborne stated this is in my ward and we are doing it so the 75' trailers can get around that corner.

Mr. Lolicata stated this has been a problem for a few years.

Alderman Osborne stated what is happening is they have been coming down Maple Street for quite awhile now and they are going up Cedar Street to Oven Poppers almost at the end of Belmont Street and going by Wilson Street school. One of the trucks ran into a car a couple of months ago and it could have been a kid. It was right in front of the school. These trucks are huge. We had "No Truck" signs put up there but it doesn't mean anything. If you have a delivery on a street then the truck has to be able to make the delivery on that street. There is no way of stopping the trucks from going up the street unless we had a different route which would be up Spruce Street and then up Cedar. I also have Belmont and Massabesic being worked on...there is City property there that we can utilize so that these trucks can go right back out on Cedar and right up to Belmont and onto 93. So Cedar Street will never see another truck again.

Mr. Lolicata stated we have:

Rescind No Parking Loading Zone on Hall Street, west side, from a point 20 feet south of Spruce to a point 45 feet southerly.

No Parking on Hall Street, east side, from Spruce Street to a point 105 feet southerly.

No Parking on Hall Street, west side, from Spruce Street to a point 65 feet southerly.

No Parking on Spruce Street, north side, from Hall Street to a point 50 feet westerly.

No Parking on Union Street, west side, from Valley North Back Street to Valley Street.

Rescind No Parking on Schiller Street, south side, from Second Street to Hill Street.

On motion of Alderman Garrity duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approve the above traffic items.

Alderman Guinta stated on Willow Street there is a gentleman who is the owner of an auto body shop or something. He wants some extra parking spots. He is getting ticketed. He said he is moving the cars around and is getting ticketed. He said he is buying rolls of quarters and putting them in the meters but he keeps getting tickets and it is hurting his business.

Chairman Sysyn replied you can just have him call Tom.

Alderman Guinta stated I will get more information and get back to Tom. I have two other quick things. Mark Biron lives at 56 Sagamore Street. Have you heard from him, Tom?

Mr. Lolicata replied no.

Alderman Guinta stated he needs help and I wanted to know if you could give him a call. He has some sort of trailer that he parks in front of his house. The other item that I wanted to discuss quickly was the loading zone on Pearl Street. We talked about it earlier today, Tom.

Mr. Lolicata replied we discussed this twice in the Committee in the last 10 or 15 years. This is the old Breezeway again am I right? There is no room for a loading zone because it is a two-way street there and there are meters on the right hand side. The bottom line is I can't put a loading zone where there is a lane.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee